

## Statement of Deficiencies

### 4109-H: Interstate Placements

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4109.H.3. The agency failed to conduct or accept only a state approved home study completed in accordance with requirements of Section 4115 for interstate adoptive placements.

\*REVEIW OF A HOME STUDY ACCEPTED FROM A PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCY IN MISSISSIPPI WHERE 4 SIBLINGS WERE PLACED REVEALS THAT THE HOME STUDY DOES NOT MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 4115. THE HOMESTUDY ON FILE DID NOT CONTAIN:

- physicals for other household members(an adult child and 2 grandchildren living in the home
- documentation that a member of the household that was 18 years or older had a criminal records check and State Central Registry check
- documentation that all members of the household were informed of and agreed to the acceptance of the children into the home

### 4115-C: Adoptive Home Study

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4115.C.2. The agency failed to require and complete a criminal record clearance for each adoption applicant and each adult member of the household.

\*ONE OUT OF STATE ADOPTIVE HOME DOES NOT HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARANCE ON AN ADULT MALE MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

4115.C.4.(i.-xvii.) The agency failed to cover the following areas in the homestudy and record the information in the adoptive applicant(s) record:

iv. background information and social information of applicants and all members of the household to include but not limited to:

- personality and appearance in general and in relation to being an adoptive family;
- marriage(s) marital relationship(s), nature, quality, and agreement on respective roles, how mutual needs were met and how a new child would affect the relationship. The agency failed to verify marriages, divorces, deaths to determine legal marital status.
- past and present physical and mental health, reason for childlessness (if applicable), medical reports and any specialist reports applicable to inability to have children or advisability of having children. A report of a physical examination for all members of the household within six months of the homestudy which verifies that each person suffers no communicable disease, specific illness or disability that would interfere with the family's ability to parent another child failed to be obtained;
- xvi. for individuals or couples wishing to adopt whose good health may not continue throughout the minority of the child or whose life expectancy may be shorter than the minority years of the child, a plan for guardianship of the child in the event that incapacity or death precedes the child's reaching the age of majority.

4 ADOPTIVE PARENT FILES WERE REVIEWED.

\*ONE ADOPTIVE PARENT FILE REVIEWED DID NOT HAVE A REPORT OF A PHYSICAL EXAM WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE HOMESTUDY, DID NOT HAVE A GUARDIANSHIP PLAN ON FILE(INDICATED ON ONE OF THE STAFFING REPORTS)

\*ONE ADOPTIVE PARENT FILE REVIEWED DID NOT HAVE MEDICALS ON PARENTS AND CHILDREN

\*OUT OF STATE ADOPTION HOME DID NOT HAVE MEDICAL FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER ADULT MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD ON FILE

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### 4115-G: Services to Adoptive Parent(s)

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4115.G.13. The agency failed to supervise a child's permanent placement for a minimum six months before giving written consent to finalize the adoption. The child and family failed to be seen within three weeks of placement and at least twice thereafter. The two supervisory visits of the child and family failed to be in the adoptive home and failed to include both adoptive parents (when applicable) and all other members of the household. Written reports on the supervisory visits failed to be dated and placed in the child's record and the adoptive parent's record.

\*REVIEW OF 5 ADOPTION PARENT RECORDS INDICATES THAT THE WRITTEN REPORTS ON THE SUPERVISORY VISITS FAILED TO BE PLACED IN THE ADOPTIVE PARENT RECORD

\*REVIEW OF THE SUPERVISORY VISITS DOCUMENTED IN THE CHILDREN'S FILES INDICATES THAT IN ONE OUT OF STATE PLACEMENT THERE FAILS TO BE DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCY THAT OCS CONTRACTS WITH COMPLETES THE SUPERVISORY VISITS OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY IN THE ADOPTIVE HOME AND INCLUDED BOTH PARENTS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD. VISITS DOCUMENTED WERE CONDUCTED AT SOME ONE ELSE'S HOME.

### 4115-I: Adoptive Parent(s) Records

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4115.I.1.(a.-k.) The agency failed to keep separate records for each adoptive family applicant which contained the following:

c. medical records of the family;

e. criminal record check reports;

i. summary containing the placement decision, preplacement and post-placement contacts with the family and the child adopted;

### 4115-L: Selection of an Adoptive Home

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4115.L.7.(a.-d.) The agency had legal custody of the child and selected an adoptive family for placement of the child when legal availability had not been established in that:

d. the foster/adoptive family has been advised of the legal risks involved and failed to be willing to enter into this case plan under a written family foster agreement stipulating the special provisions in 4113 (U)(3).

\*REVIEW OF FILE WHERE AN INFANT WAS PLACED IN THE HOME WITH THE PLAN FOR ADOPTION BUT LEGAL AVAILABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED YET DOES NOT CONTAIN A PLACEMENT AGREEMENT STIPULATING THE LEGAL RISKS. (AGENCY STAFF STATE THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY TYPE OF PLACEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO SIGN)

### 4115-N: Placement Supervision/Services

Not Met

#### Findings/Corrections

4115.N.4. Written reports of the supervisory visits failed to be dated and placed in the adoptive parent(s) record.